

COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 489, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 5, line 35, delete "(2)".
- 2 Page 5, line 35, strike "At least one (1) member must, but" and
- 3 insert "(2)".
- 4 Page 5, line 35, delete "not" and insert "Not".
- 5 Page 5, line 36, delete ",".
- 6 Page 5, line 37, after "(5)" insert "(3)".
- 7 Page 5, line 37, reset in roman "One (1) member".
- 8 Page 5, line 37, after "must" insert "**may**".
- 9 Page 5, line 37, reset in roman "be a registered nurse licensed to".
- 10 Page 5, reset in roman line 38.
- 11 Page 6, delete lines 27 through 31.
- 12 Page 7, line 41, after "accounts." insert "**An audit by a certified**
- 13 **accounting firm must be performed pursuant to auditing standards**
- 14 **established in guidelines by the state board of accounts."**
- 15 Page 8, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 16 "**(d) If a hospital elects to use an independent certified**
- 17 **accounting firm under subsection (c), the hospital shall provide**
- 18 **written notice to the state board of accounts not less than one**
- 19 **hundred eighty (180) days before the beginning of the hospital's**
- 20 **fiscal year in which the hospital elects to be audited by an**

1 **accounting firm. For the hospital's fiscal year, and each following**
 2 **fiscal year, the hospital shall use an independent certified public**
 3 **accounting firm. A hospital may terminate its use of an accounting**
 4 **firm under subsection (c) by providing written notice to the state**
 5 **board of accounts not less than one hundred eighty (180) days**
 6 **before the beginning of the hospital's fiscal year in which the**
 7 **hospital elects not to be audited by an accounting firm. For any**
 8 **fiscal year in which the hospital does not use an independent**
 9 **certified public accounting firm, the hospital shall be audited by**
 10 **the state board of accounts."**

11 Page 8, line 15, delete "an" and insert "**a group purchasing**".

12 Page 8, line 15, delete "the".

13 Page 8, line 16, delete "hospital's group".

14 Page 8, delete lines 41 through 42.

15 Page 9, delete lines 1 through 7.

16 Page 9, line 22, after "sessions" insert "**concerning the division of**
 17 **public hospitals"**

18 Page 9, delete lines 32 through 40.

19 Page 10, delete lines 9 through 35.

20 Page 10, line 39, delete "an" and insert "**a group purchasing**".

21 Page 10, line 39, delete "the".

22 Page 10, line 40, delete "corporation's group".

23 Page 12, delete lines 31 through 39.

24 Page 13, line 12, delete "an" and insert "**a group purchasing**".

25 Page 13, line 13, delete "the hospital's group".

26 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 489 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Senator Merritt, Chairperson